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VIA EMAIL

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RE: Public Records Act Request No. 2019-02133

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This letter responds to your request for records under the California Public Records Act (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.), received on September 5, 2019. Specifically, your request stated:

“I would like to obtain all emails sent to, from, or copied to Xavier Becerra, from January 1, 2016 to Present Day containing the non-case-sensitive key-string ‘Harris’ or ‘Kamala’.”

Agencies are permitted to extend the date for responding to a public records request for fourteen days beyond the original 10-day deadline for responding under specified circumstances. (Gov. Code, § 6253, subd. (c).) As your request was received by this office on September 5, 2019, the time established for the original response is September 16, 2019, because the tenth day falls on a Sunday. Fourteen days beyond this date is September 30, 2019.

Agencies may invoke the extension for several reasons, which may be summarized as follows:

1. The need to search for and collect records from field offices or other facilities that are separate from the office processing the request.
2. The need to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request.

3. The need for consultation, which shall be conducted with all practicable speed, with another agency having a substantial interest in the determination of the request or among two or more components of the agency having substantial subject matter interest therein.

(Gov. Code, § 6253, subd. (c).)

In this instance, an extension is needed to search for, collect, and appropriately examine a voluminous amount of separate and distinct records which are demanded in a single request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jerry T. Yen

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